

Hirz Fire Update



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Hirz Fire Summary:

Acres Burned:	30,825
Containment:	31 percent
Expected Containment:	September 5, 2018
Cause:	Human

Resources Assigned:

Total Personnel:	1,569
Hand Crews:	39
Engines:	73
Bulldozers:	30
Helicopters:	12

California Interagency Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 5, and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office are managing the Hirz Fire—which began on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest—under unified command. Incident commanders are Rick Young, Ron Bravo, and Tom Bosenko. As the inversion lifts early today, fire activity could increase, resulting in smoke being more visible from surrounding communities. With increased visibility, aircraft will be able to assist firefighters on the ground with suppression activity.

Current Fire Situation: Firelines on the west side held after being tested by last night's strong northeast winds and low relative humidity. The operational priorities today are the west and north sides of the fire. Hand crews and bulldozers are constructing direct and indirect firelines in remote, steep terrain on the west side from Crane Mountain to Tombstone Mountain and on the north side along Yellowjacket Ridge. On the west, crews will strengthen and improve existing firelines by conducting firing operations as weather conditions allow. On the north, fire has slightly crossed the ridge on Tombstone Mountain. On the east side of the fire, crews continue to mop up and patrol the fireline, which is holding west of the McCloud River. Crews working around the southern portion of the fire are also patrolling and monitoring.

Recreation Closures: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest has closed the Hirz Fire area, including affected National Forest System roads, trails and recreation sites to public access. Residents, landowners and lessees are allowed to enter the fire area to the extent necessary to access their land and residences. The McCloud River Arm remains closed to boat access just above Holiday Harbor and the Shasta Caverns Ferry. Recreation sites closed due to the Hirz Fire are: Hirz Bay, Moore Creek, Pine Point, Ellery Creek, Dekkas Rock and McCloud Bridge.

As a precautionary measure, the McCloud River Club has been evacuated. No other communities are threatened and there are no other evacuations for any other areas. For those who are wondering how many miles the Hirz Fire is from your community, here are the latest air miles from the most active portion of the fire (in the northeast): McCloud 16 miles, Dunsmuir 12 miles, Castella 9 miles, Mount Shasta 20 miles.

Recreational Facilities Open for Visitors: Bailey Cove, Fisherman's Point, Centimudi, and Jones Valley are just some of the facilities open to the public on the shores of Lake Shasta. For specific recreation information, please call the Shasta Lake Ranger District at (530) 275-1587.

Air quality/smoke forecasts can be found at <https://tools.airfire.org/outlooks/NorthernCalifornia>.

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